



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/12/2023

REQUESTER: Jeanne Snider, Assistant City Attorney

PRESENTER: Jeanne Snider, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-97: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$15,261.33 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO REPAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

The Norman Police Department requires funding to repair individually-assigned officer vehicles that are damaged in traffic collisions. When the collision is the fault of the other driver, the City Attorney's Office pursues reimbursement of costs from the other driver's insurance policy. This item requests an appropriation of these insurance funds to the City of Norman Police Department account to pay for vehicle repairs.

DISCUSSION:

Insurance reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On July 31, 2017, a Norman Police Department vehicle (Unit 1196) was struck by another driver who turned left into the police unit which was also turning left but in the opposite direction. State Farm insurance determined fault to be 50% for each driver and repair costs were split with the difference issued to the City in the amount of \$1,226.37. This payment was received on October 13, 2023.

On September 29, 2021, a Norman Police Department vehicle (Unit 1168) was struck by another driver who swerved into the police unit to avoid striking another vehicle nearby. State Farm insurance determined their driver to be at fault and issued payment to the City in the amount of \$948.18. This payment was received on October 12, 2023.

On January 12, 2022, a Norman Police Department vehicle (Unit 1189) was struck by another driver who backed out of a parking space and into the police unit that was parked behind him while the officer was responding to a disturbance. State Farm insurance determined their driver

to be at fault and issued payment to the City in the amount of \$1,760.70. This payment was received on October 12, 2023.

On August 10, 2022, a Norman Police Department vehicle (Unit 1035) was struck by another driver who ran a red traffic light. Safeco insurance determined their driver to be at fault and reimbursed the City by making two separate payments totaling \$11,177.41. The first payment was dated October 4, 2022, for \$4,960.72 and the second payment was dated November 28, 2022, for \$6,216.69. Both payments were received by the City.

On December 19, 2022, two parked Norman Police Department vehicles (Units 1190 and 1224) were struck by another driver attempting to leave the scene of an investigation. USAA insurance determined their driver to be at fault and issued payment for Unit 1224 in the amount of \$1,932.26. USAA then issued partial payment for Unit 1190 in the amount of \$3,177.13 until a complete tear-down of the vehicle is performed at the body shop. Both payments were received on October 13, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of R-2324-97 for the appropriation of the above-referenced insurance reimbursement funds totaling \$15,261.33 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management (Account 439-365264) to Miscellaneous Services – Uninsured Losses (43330104-44798) for the payment of repairs to City Police Department vehicles.